

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH OF
THE PREMISES KNOWN AS 7 GOUDIE
STREET, LISBON, NH, DESCRIBED
FULLY IN ATTACHMENT A, AND ALL
PERSONS AND VEHICLES ON THE
PREMISES**

Case No. 21-_____

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**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT**

I, Tarah Rankins, a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation
("FBI"), being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I have been employed as an FBI Special Agent since 2015, and am currently assigned to the Boston Field Office, Bedford Resident Agency. I am a federal law enforcement officer who is engaged in enforcing criminal laws, including 18 U.S.C. §§ 2251 and 2252A, and I am authorized by the Attorney General to request a search warrant. While employed by the FBI, I have investigated federal criminal violations related to high technology or cyber-crime, child exploitation, and child pornography. I have received training in the area of child pornography and child exploitation, and have had the opportunity to observe and review numerous examples of child pornography (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256) in all forms of media, including computer media.

2. I make this affidavit in support of an application under Rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure for a warrant to search the premises located at **7 Goudie Street, Lisbon, New Hampshire** (hereafter "SUBJECT PREMISES"), further described in Attachment

A, including one residential dwelling, the person(s) located on the premises, and any computer, computer media, and electronic media located therein, for the things described in Attachment B – specifically, evidence, fruits, and instrumentalities of violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B), which relates to the illegal possession of child pornography, and Title 18 United States Code. Section 2252A(a)(2), which relates to the illegal distribution of child pornography.

3. During the course of this investigation I have conferred with other investigators who have conducted numerous investigations and executed numerous search and arrest warrants which involved child exploitation and/or child pornography offenses. This affidavit is intended to show only that there is sufficient probable cause for the requested warrant and does not set forth all of my knowledge about this matter. The facts set forth in this affidavit are based in part on my personal knowledge, information obtained during my participation in this investigation, information from others, including law enforcement officers, my review of documents and computer records related to this investigation, and information gained through my training and experience.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

4. This investigation concerns alleged violations of 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(4)(B) and 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2), related to the possession and distribution of child pornography in the District of New Hampshire. 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(4)(B) makes it a crime for any person to knowingly possess one or more images depicting a minor under the age of 18 engaged in sexually explicit conduct. 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2) makes it a crime for any person to knowingly receive or distribute any child pornography that has been mailed, or using any means

or facility of interstate or foreign commerce, or that has been shipped or transported in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce by any means, including by computer.

DEFINITIONS

5. “Chat” refers to any kind of communication over the Internet that offers a real-time transmission of text messages from sender to receiver. Chat messages are generally short in order to enable other participants to respond quickly and in a format that resembles an oral conversation. This feature distinguishes chatting from other text-based online communications such as Internet forums and email.

6. “Child pornography” includes any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct where (A) the production of the visual depiction involved the use of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct; (B) the visual depiction was a digital image, computer image, or computer-generated image that is, or is indistinguishable from, that of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct; or (C) the visual depiction has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable minor is engaged in sexually explicit conduct. 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8).

7. “Child Erotica,” as used herein, means materials or items that are sexually arousing to persons having a sexual interest in minors but that are not, in and of themselves, legally obscene or that do not necessarily depict minors in sexually explicit conduct.

8. “Computer,” as used herein, is defined pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e)(1) as “an electronic, magnetic, optical, electrochemical, or other high speed data processing device performing logical or storage functions, and includes any data storage facility or communications facility directly related to or operating in conjunction with such device.” These devices include

but are not limited to any data-processing hardware (such as central processing units, memory typewriters, mobile “smart” telephones, tablets, and self-contained “laptop” or “notebook” computers).

9. “Computer Server” or “Server,” as used herein, is a computer that is attached to a dedicated network and serves many users. A web server, for example, is a computer which hosts the data associated with a website. That web server receives requests from a user and delivers information from the server to the user’s computer via the Internet. A domain name system (“DNS”) server, in essence, is a computer on the Internet that routes communications when a user types a domain name, such as www.cnn.com, into his or her web browser. Essentially, the domain name must be translated into an Internet Protocol (“IP”) address so the computer hosting the web site may be located, and the DNS server provides this function.

10. “Computer hardware,” as used herein, consists of all equipment which can receive, capture, collect, analyze, create, display, convert, store, conceal, or transmit electronic, magnetic, or similar computer impulses or data. Computer hardware includes any data-processing devices (including, but not limited to, central processing units, internal and peripheral storage devices such as fixed disks, external hard drives, floppy disk drives and diskettes, and other memory storage devices); peripheral input/output devices (including, but not limited to, keyboards, printers, video display monitors, and related communications devices such as cables and connections), as well as any devices, mechanisms, or parts that can be used to restrict access to computer hardware (including, but not limited to, physical keys and locks).

11. “Computer software,” as used herein, is digital information which can be interpreted by a computer and any of its related components to direct the way they work. Computer software is stored in electronic, magnetic, or other digital form. It commonly includes

programs to run operating systems, applications, and utilities.

12. “Computer-related documentation,” as used herein, consists of written, recorded, printed, or electronically stored material which explains or illustrates how to configure or use computer hardware, computer software, or other related items.

13. “Computer passwords, pass-phrases and data security devices,” as used herein, consist of information or items designed to restrict access to or hide computer software, documentation, or data. Data security devices may consist of hardware, software, or other programming code. A password or pass-phrase (a string of alpha-numeric characters) usually operates as a sort of digital key to “unlock” particular data security devices. Data security hardware may include encryption devices, chips, and circuit boards. Data security software of digital code may include programming code that creates “test” keys or “hot” keys, which perform certain pre-set security functions when touched. Data security software or code may also encrypt, compress, hide, or “booby-trap” protected data to make it inaccessible or unusable, as well as reverse the process to restore it.

14. The “Internet” is a global network of computers and other electronic devices that communicate with each other. Due to the structure of the Internet, connections between devices on the Internet often cross state and international borders, even when the devices communicating with each other are in the same state.

15. “Internet Service Providers” (“ISPs”), as used herein, are commercial organizations that are in business to provide individuals and businesses access to the Internet. ISPs provide a range of functions for their customers including access to the Internet, web hosting, e-mail, remote storage, and co-location of computers and other communications equipment. ISPs can offer a range of options in providing access to the Internet including

telephone based dial-up, broadband based access via digital subscriber line (“DSL”) or cable television, dedicated circuits, or satellite based subscription. ISPs typically charge a fee based upon the type of connection and volume of data, called bandwidth, which the connection supports. Many ISPs assign each subscriber an account name – a user name or screen name, an “e-mail address,” an e-mail mailbox, and a personal password selected by the subscriber. By using a computer equipped with a modem, the subscriber can establish communication with an Internet Service Provider (“ISP”) over a telephone line, through a cable system or via satellite, and can access the Internet by using his or her account name and personal password.

16. “Internet Protocol address” or “IP address” refers to a unique number used by a computer to access the Internet. IP addresses can be “dynamic,” meaning that the ISP assigns a different unique number to a computer every time it accesses the Internet. IP addresses might also be “static,” if an ISP assigns a user’s computer a particular IP address which is used each time the computer accesses the Internet. IP addresses are also used by computer servers, including web servers, to communicate with other computers.

17. “URL” is an abbreviation for Uniform Resource Locator and is another name for a web address. URLs are made of letters, numbers, and other symbols in a standard form. People use them on computers by clicking a pre-prepared link or typing or copying and pasting one into a web browser to make the computer fetch and show some specific resource (usually a web page) from another computer (web server) on the Internet.

18. “Minor” means any person under the age of eighteen years. See 18 U.S.C. § 2256(1).

19. The terms “records,” “documents,” and “materials,” as used herein, include all information recorded in any form, visual or aural, and by any means, whether in handmade form

(including, but not limited to, writings, drawings, painting), photographic form (including, but not limited to, microfilm, microfiche, prints, slides, negatives, videotapes, motion pictures, photocopies), mechanical form (including, but not limited to, phonograph records, printing, typing) or electrical, electronic or magnetic form (including, but not limited to, tape recordings, cassettes, compact discs, electronic or magnetic storage devices such as floppy diskettes, hard disks, CD-ROMs, digital video disks (“DVDs”), Personal Digital Assistants (“PDAs”), Multi Media Cards (“MMCs”), memory sticks, optical disks, printer buffers, smart cards, memory calculators, electronic dialers, or electronic notebooks, as well as digital data files and printouts or readouts from any magnetic, electrical or electronic storage device).

20. “Sexually explicit conduct” means actual or simulated (a) sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, or oral-anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex; (b) bestiality; (c) masturbation; (d) sadistic or masochistic abuse; or (e) lascivious exhibition of the genitals or pubic area of any person. See 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2).

21. “Visual depictions” include undeveloped film and videotape, and data stored on computer disk or by electronic means, which is capable of conversion into a visual image. See 18 U.S.C. § 2256(5).

PROBABLE CAUSE

22. Kik is a free application that can be downloaded on an Android or iOS device permitting users to chat with other individuals one-on-one and in groups as well as share pictures and videos. Each user has the ability to create a screen name which can be changed at any time. It uses a smartphone’s data plan or Wi-Fi to allow the user to transmit and receive messages, photos, videos, sketches, mobile webpages, and other content over the internet after the user registers a username.

23. On March 3, 2021, a FBI Task Force Officer acting in an undercover capacity (hereafter referred to as UC) was conducting an investigation on Kik in an attempt to identify users who were using the platform to exchange child pornography. The UC identified an individual with the Kik profile using the screen name "lesttat123", (hereafter referred to as SUBJECT) in a group known to the UC as a place where people meet, discuss and trade original images of underage children, links containing child pornography and videos. During the course of the chat between the SUBJECT and the UC, the SUBJECT stated he was the father of a five year-old daughter and sent the UC a clothed image of her as well as stating that he "mostly creeper on her asleep" and that he "give[s] her sleeping gummy to help."

24. During the course of the chats between March 3 and March 15, the SUBJECT sent the UC clothed images of the victim and stated "I creep on her while she sleeps I used her feet the other day to stroke me while she slept". The SUBJECT further stated, "I wanna stick it in her mouth so bad or rub it on her pus".

25. On March 30, upon entering the Kik chatroom SUBJECT stated "Hey I'm 30 m new England I have a 5 yo daughter". Upon seeing this the UC initiated a private chat with the SUBJECT and had the following conversation:

UC: How you been

SUBJECT: Horny u

UC: Same

UC: How is daughter

SUBJECT: Good just went to her dads

UC: Sneak any good pics lately

SUBJECT: Heh yes

At that point in time SUBJECT sent the UC two images depicting a prepubescent minor female completely nude standing next to a dresser.

26. Later in the chat the SUBJECT sent the UC two additional images. The first image depicted a nude, prepubescent minor female sitting on her buttocks; her legs were slightly spread and the focus of the image was on the child's vaginal area. Her face was not visible. The second image appeared to depict the same nude child sitting on her buttocks; her legs were spread exposing her bare vagina. The hand of a Caucasian adult male was touching the child's panties near her feet.

27. On March 30, 2021, the FBI submitted an emergency disclosure form to Kik requesting subscriber data for the account associated with user name "lesttat123". Kik's response provided a display name of "Willowbranch", an unconfirmed email address of temper666@gmail.com, a device description of a Samsung Model SM-N960U and IP logs spanning March 1, 2021 through March 30, 2021. Examination of the IP logs yielded a Charter Communications IP address, 74.78.109.9. This was the only IP address used to access the Kik account during the timeframe provided.

28. On March 30, 2021, the FBI submitted an emergency disclosure form to Charter Communications, requesting subscriber and physical service address information associated with IP address 74.78.109.9. Charter Communication's response identified the subscriber as Ronald Hine, 7 Goudie Street #AJ, Lisbon, NH 03585, telephone number 8030.

29. Through publicly accessible information on social media sites, agents identified one Tazia Dow as being in a relationship with Ronald Hine. Publicly accessible photographs on Tazia's Facebook page depict several minor children, including one minor female approximately five years in age ("MF-1") who appears to be the same child depicted in

photographs sent from the target Kik user “lesttat123” to the UC. One of the non-sexually explicit photographs sent by “lesttat123” to the UC, which depicts MF-1 on a swing, appears identical to a photograph on Tazia’s Facebook page. Other photographs sent by “lesttat123” to the UC show distinctive household items, including a blue-gray textured carpeting and a large doll house, which are also depicted in some of Tazia’s Facebook photographs.

30. Through searches of various commercial, law enforcement sensitive, and open source databases, agents identified one Dennis Michael Bousquet, date of birth 1990, Social Security Number , residing at address 7 Goudie Street, Lisbon, NH.

31. Bousquet maintains a presence on various social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and Skype. Bousquet’s Facebook profile is www.facebook.com/dennis.bousquet.12. Bousquet’s Instagram page is www.instagram.com/lesttat27. This is similar to the target Kik username “lesttat123.” Agents also identified a Skype profile with the username “dennis.bousquet” and an email address of temper666@gmail.com. This is the same email address provided by Kik as being linked to the target Kik account “lesttat123.”

COMPUTERS, ELECTRONIC STORAGE AND FORENSIC ANALYSIS

32. As described above and in Attachment B, this application seeks permission to search and seize records that might be found on the SUBJECT PREMISES, in whatever form they are found. One form in which the records might be found is data stored on a computer’s hard drive or other storage media. Thus, the warrant applied for would authorize the seizure and search of electronic storage media or, potentially, the copying of electronically stored information, all under Rule 41(e)(2)(B).

33. I submit that if a computer or storage medium is found on the SUBJECT PREMISES, there is probable cause to believe those records will be stored on that computer or storage medium, for at least the following reasons:

a. Based on my knowledge, training, and experience, I know that computer files or remnants of such files can be recovered months or even years after they have been downloaded onto a storage medium, deleted, or viewed via the internet. Electronic files downloaded to a storage medium can be stored for years at little or no cost. Even when files have been deleted, they can be recovered months or years later using forensic tools. This is so because when a person “deletes” a file on a computer, the data contained in the file does not actually disappear; rather, that data remains on the storage medium until it is overwritten by new data.

b. Therefore, deleted files, or remnants of deleted files, may reside in free space or slack space—that is, in space on the storage medium that is not currently being used by an active file—for long periods of time before they are overwritten. In addition, a computer’s operating system may also keep a record of deleted data in a “swap” or “recovery” file.

c. Wholly apart from user-generated files, computer storage media—in particular, computers’ internal hard drives—contain electronic evidence of how a computer has been used, what it has been used for, and who has used it. To give a few examples, this forensic evidence can take the form of operating system configurations, artifacts from operating systems or application operations, file system data structures, and virtual memory “swap” or paging files. Computer users typically do not erase or delete this evidence, because special software is typically required for that task. However, it is technically possible to delete this information.

d. Similarly, files that have been viewed via the internet are sometimes automatically downloaded into a temporary internet directory or “cache.”

e. Your Affiant is also aware, through training and experience, that digital storage devices have become interconnected, making it easy for even casual users of technology to transfer or copy images from one device to another, or to maintain duplicate copies on more than one device or storage medium. In fact, many devices such as smartphones can be set to automatically back up their contents to alternate storage facilities, such as laptop or desktop computers, another phone, photo-sharing websites, and cloud storage providers.

f. Your Affiant is aware that the contents of smart phones can be synched with or backed up to other digital devices in a variety of ways. Smartphones can be connected through cables to other devices, such as laptop computers, for data transfer. Smartphones can also connect to other devices and transfer photos or documents wirelessly through technology such as Bluetooth. Data can also be sent from the phone to an email account via the Internet, and subsequently downloaded from the Internet to a different device (such as a tablet, game system, or computer) for storage. In addition, many smartphones utilize “cloud” storage. Cellular telephones can be set to automatically back up their contents to user accounts hosted on servers of various cloud storage providers. Users can also opt to perform a back-up manually, on an as-needed basis. Your Affiant is aware that some smartphones also back up their contents automatically to devices such as laptop computers. Additionally, cellular telephones can exchange data between two differing cellular communications devices and other types of electronic and media storage devices via Bluetooth or Wi-Fi, regardless of the type of operating system or platform being utilized to operate each of the electronic devices. In addition, media cards which contain many forms of data can be interchanged between multiple types of electronic devices, including but not limited to, different cellular telephones.

34. As set forth above, probable cause exists to believe that an individual at the SUBJECT PREMISES has distributed, transported, received, or possessed child pornography. Based upon my knowledge and experience in child pornography investigations, and the training and experience of other law enforcement officers with whom I have had discussions, I know that there are certain characteristics common to individuals involved in such crimes:

a. Those who distribute, transport, receive, or possess child pornography, or who attempt to commit these crimes may collect sexually explicit or suggestive materials, in a variety of media, including photographs, magazines, motion pictures, videotapes, books, slides and/or drawings or other visual media. Such individuals often times use these materials for their own sexual arousal and gratification.

b. Those who distribute, transport, receive, or possess child pornography, or who attempt to commit these crimes often possess and maintain copies of child pornography material, that is, their pictures, films, video tapes, magazines, negatives, photographs, correspondence, mailing lists, books, tape recordings, etc., in the privacy and security of their home or some other secure location. These individuals typically retain pictures, films, photographs, negatives, magazines, correspondence, books, tape recordings, mailing lists, child erotica, and videotapes for many years.

c. Those who distribute, transport, receive, or possess child pornography, or who attempt to commit these crimes often maintain their collections that are in a digital or electronic format in a safe, secure and private environment, such as a computer and surrounding area. They often maintain these collections for several years and keep them close by, usually at the individual's residence, to enable the collector to view the collection, which is valued highly.

d. Those who distribute, transport, receive, or possess child pornography, or who attempt to commit these crimes also may correspond with and/or meet others to share information and materials; they rarely destroy correspondence from other child pornography distributors/collectors; they conceal such correspondence as they do their sexually explicit material; and they often maintain lists of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of individuals with whom they have been in contact and who share the same interests in child pornography.

35. As further described in Attachment B, this application seeks permission to locate not only computer files that might serve as direct evidence of the crimes described on the warrant, but also for forensic electronic evidence that establishes how computers were used, the purpose of their use, who used them, and when. There is probable cause to believe that this forensic electronic evidence will be on any computer in the SUBJECT PREMISES because:

a. Data on the storage medium can provide evidence of a file that was once on the storage medium but has since been deleted or edited, or of a deleted portion of a file (such as a paragraph that has been deleted from a word processing file). Virtual memory paging systems can leave traces of information on the storage medium that show what tasks and processes were recently active. Web browsers, e-mail programs, and chat programs store configuration information on the storage medium that can reveal information such as online nicknames and passwords. Operating systems can record additional information, such as the attachment of peripherals, the attachment of USB flash storage devices or other external storage media, and the times the computer was in use. Computer file systems can record information about the dates files were created and the sequence in which they were created.

b. Forensic evidence on a computer or storage medium can also indicate who has used or controlled the computer or storage medium. This “user attribution” evidence is

analogous to the search for “indicia of occupancy” while executing a search warrant at a residence. For example, registry information, configuration files, user profiles, e-mail, e-mail address books, “chat,” instant messaging logs, photographs, the presence or absence of malware, and correspondence (and the data associated with the foregoing, such as file creation and last-accessed dates) may be evidence of who used or controlled the computer or storage medium at a relevant time.

c. A person with appropriate familiarity with how a computer works can, after examining this forensic evidence in its proper context, draw conclusions about how computers were used, the purpose of their use, who used them, and when.

d. The process of identifying the exact files, blocks, registry entries, logs, or other forms of forensic evidence on a storage medium that are necessary to draw an accurate conclusion is a dynamic process. While it is possible to specify in advance the records to be sought, computer evidence is not always data that can be merely reviewed by a review team and passed along to investigators. Whether data stored on a computer is evidence may depend on other information stored on the computer and the application of knowledge about how a computer behaves. Therefore, contextual information necessary to understand other evidence also falls within the scope of the warrant.

e. Further, in finding evidence of how a computer was used, the purpose of its use, who used it and when, it is sometimes necessary to establish that a particular thing is not present on a storage medium. For example, the presence or absence of counter-forensic programs or anti-virus programs (and associated data) may be relevant to establishing the user’s intent.

36. Based on my training and experience I know that much of the media referenced above, which may contain contraband, fruits and evidence of crime, is by its very nature

portable. This includes as example but is not limited to extremely compact storage devices such as thumb drives, laptop computers, and smart phones. In my training and experience, I know it is not uncommon for individuals to keep such media in multiple locations within their premises, including in outbuildings and motor vehicles, and/or on their person.

37. Searching storage media for the evidence described in the attachment may require a range of data analysis techniques. In most cases, a thorough search for information stored in storage media often requires agents to seize most or all electronic storage media and later review the media consistent with the warrant. In lieu of seizure, it is sometimes possible to make an image copy of storage media. Generally speaking, imaging is the taking of a complete electronic picture of the computer's data, including all hidden sectors and deleted files. Either seizure or imaging is often necessary to ensure the accuracy and completeness of data recorded on the storage media, and to prevent the loss of the data either from accidental or intentional destruction. This is true because of the following:

a. **The nature of evidence.** As noted above, not all evidence takes the form of documents and files that can be easily viewed on site. Analyzing evidence of how a computer has been used, what it has been used for, and who has used it requires considerable time, and taking that much time on premises could be unreasonable. As explained above, because the warrant calls for forensic electronic evidence, it is exceedingly likely that it will be necessary to thoroughly search storage media to obtain evidence, including evidence that is not neatly organized into files or documents. Just as a search of a premises for physical objects requires searching the entire premises for those objects that are described by a warrant, a search of this premises for the things described in this warrant will likely require a search among the data stored in storage media for the things (including electronic data) called for by this warrant.

Additionally, it is possible that files have been deleted or edited, but that remnants of older versions are in unallocated space or slack space. This, too, makes it exceedingly likely that in this case it will be necessary to use more thorough techniques.

b. **The volume of evidence.** Storage media can store the equivalent of millions of pages of information. Additionally, a suspect may try to conceal criminal evidence; he or she might store it in random order with deceptive file names. This may require searching authorities to peruse all the stored data to determine which particular files is evidence or instrumentalities of a crime. This sorting process can take weeks or months, depending on the volume of data stored, and it would be impractical and invasive to attempt this kind of data search on-site.

c. **Technical requirements.** Computers can be configured in several different ways, featuring a variety of different operating systems, application software, and configurations. Therefore, searching them sometimes requires tools or knowledge that might not be present on the search site. The vast array of computer hardware and software available makes it difficult to know before a search what tools or knowledge will be required to analyze the system and its data on-site. However, taking the storage media off-site and reviewing it in a controlled environment will allow its examination with the proper tools and knowledge.

d. **Variety of forms of electronic media.** Records sought under this warrant could be stored in a variety of storage media formats that may require off-site reviewing with specialized forensic tools.

38. Based on the foregoing, and consistent with Rule 41(e)(2)(B), when officers executing the warrant conclude that it would be impractical to review the hardware, media, or peripherals on-site, the warrant I am applying for would permit officers either to seize or to

image-copy those items that reasonably appear to contain some or all of the evidence described in the warrant, and then later review the seized items or image copies consistent with the warrant. The later review may require techniques, including but not limited to computer-assisted scans of the entire medium, that might expose many parts of a hard drive to human inspection in order to determine whether it is evidence described by the warrant.

BIOMETRIC ACCESS TO DEVICES

39. This warrant seeks authorization for law enforcement to compel the SUBJECT to unlock any DEVICES requiring biometric access subject to seizure pursuant to this warrant. Grounds for this request follow.

40. I know from my training and experience, as well as from information found in publicly available materials published by device manufacturers, that many electronic devices, particularly newer mobile devices and laptops, offer their users the ability to unlock the device through biometric features in lieu of a numeric or alphanumeric passcode or password. These biometric features include fingerprint scanners, facial recognition features and iris recognition features. Some devices offer a combination of these biometric features, and the user of such devices can select which features they would like to utilize.

41. If a device is equipped with a fingerprint scanner, a user may enable the ability to unlock the device through his or her fingerprints. For example, Apple offers a feature called “Touch ID,” which allows a user to register up to five fingerprints that can unlock a device. Once a fingerprint is registered, a user can unlock the device by pressing the relevant finger to the device’s Touch ID sensor, which is found in the round button (often referred to as the “home” button) located at the bottom center of the front of the device. The fingerprint sensors found on

devices produced by other manufacturers have different names but operate similarly to Touch ID.

42. If a device is equipped with a facial-recognition feature, a user may enable the ability to unlock the device through his or her face. For example, this feature is available on certain Android devices and is called “Trusted Face.” During the Trusted Face registration process, the user holds the device in front of his or her face. The device’s front-facing camera then analyzes and records data based on the user’s facial characteristics. The device can then be unlocked if the front-facing camera detects a face with characteristics that match those of the registered face. Facial recognition features found on devices produced by other manufacturers have different names but operate similarly to Trusted Face.

43. If a device is equipped with an iris-recognition feature, a user may enable the ability to unlock the device with his or her irises. For example, on certain Microsoft devices, this feature is called “Windows Hello.” During the Windows Hello registration, a user registers his or her irises by holding the device in front of his or her face. The device then directs an infrared light toward the user’s face and activates an infrared-sensitive camera to record data based on patterns within the user’s irises. The device can then be unlocked if the infrared-sensitive camera detects the registered irises. Iris-recognition features found on devices produced by other manufacturers have different names but operate similarly to Windows Hello.

44. In my training and experience, users of electronic devices often enable the aforementioned biometric features because they are considered to be a more convenient way to unlock a device than by entering a numeric or alphanumeric passcode or password. Moreover, in some instances, biometric features are considered to be a more secure way to protect a device’s contents.

45. As discussed in this Affidavit, I have reason to believe that one or more digital devices will be found during the search. The passcode or password that would unlock the DEVICES subject to search under this warrant currently is not known to law enforcement. Thus, law enforcement personnel may not otherwise be able to access the data contained within the DEVICES, making the use of biometric features necessary to the execution of the search authorized by this warrant.

46. I also know from my training and experience, as well as from information found in publicly available materials including those published by device manufacturers, that biometric features will not unlock a device in some circumstances even if such features are enabled. This can occur when a device has been restarted, inactive, or has not been unlocked for a certain period of time. For example, Apple devices cannot be unlocked using Touch ID when: (1) more than 48 hours has elapsed since the device was last unlocked; or, (2) when the device has not been unlocked using a fingerprint for 8 hours and the passcode or password has not been entered in the last 6 days. Similarly, certain Android devices cannot be unlocked with Trusted Face if the device has remained inactive for four hours. Biometric features from other brands carry similar restrictions. Thus, in the event law enforcement personnel encounter a locked device equipped with biometric features, the opportunity to unlock the device through a biometric feature may exist for only a short time.

47. In light of the foregoing, and with respect to any device found in SUBJECT PREMISES; law enforcement personnel seek authorization, during execution of this search warrant, to: (1) press or swipe the fingers (including thumbs) of those residing in SUBJECT PREMISES to the fingerprint scanner of the seized device(s); (2) hold the seized device(s) in front of the face of those residing in the SUBJECT PREMISES and activate the facial

recognition feature; and/or (3) hold the seized device(s) in front of the face of those located in the SUBJECT PREMISES and activate the iris recognition feature, for the purpose of attempting to unlock the device(s) in order to search the contents as authorized by this warrant.

48. The proposed warrant does not authorize law enforcement to compel that an individual present at the SUBJECT PREMISES state or otherwise provide the password or any other means that may be used to unlock or access the DEVICES. Moreover, the proposed warrant does not authorize law enforcement to compel an individual present at the SUBJECT PREMISES to identify the specific biometric characteristics (including the unique finger(s) or other physical features) that may be used to unlock or access the DEVICES.

CONCLUSION

49. Based on the aforementioned factual information, I respectfully submit that there is probable cause to believe that evidence, fruits, and instrumentalities of the crime of possessing child pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(4)(B) may be located at the residence at 7 Goudie Street, Lisbon, NH, (hereafter "SUBJECT PREMISES"). I therefore seek a warrant to search the SUBJECT PREMISES described in Attachment A and any computer and electronic media located therein, and to seize the items described in Attachment B.

50. I am aware that the recovery of data by a computer forensic analyst takes significant time; much the way recovery of narcotics must later be forensically evaluated in a lab, digital evidence will also undergo a similar process. For this reason, the "return" inventory will contain a list of only the tangible items recovered from the premises. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the return will not include evidence later examined by a forensic analyst.

51. The facts set forth in Paragraph 29 above suggest that the target Kik user “lesttat123” has access to a real child, MF-1, and that the images sent by “lesttat123” to the UC are of MF-1. Given the exigent need to protect MF-1, I submit that there is good cause to execute this warrant at any time in the day or night.

/s/ Tarah Rankins

Tarah Rankins
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn and subscribed before me this 30th day of March 2021.

Andrea K. Johnstone



Honorable Andrea K. Johnstone
United States Magistrate Judge
District of New Hampshire

ATTACHMENT A

PREMISES TO BE SEARCHED

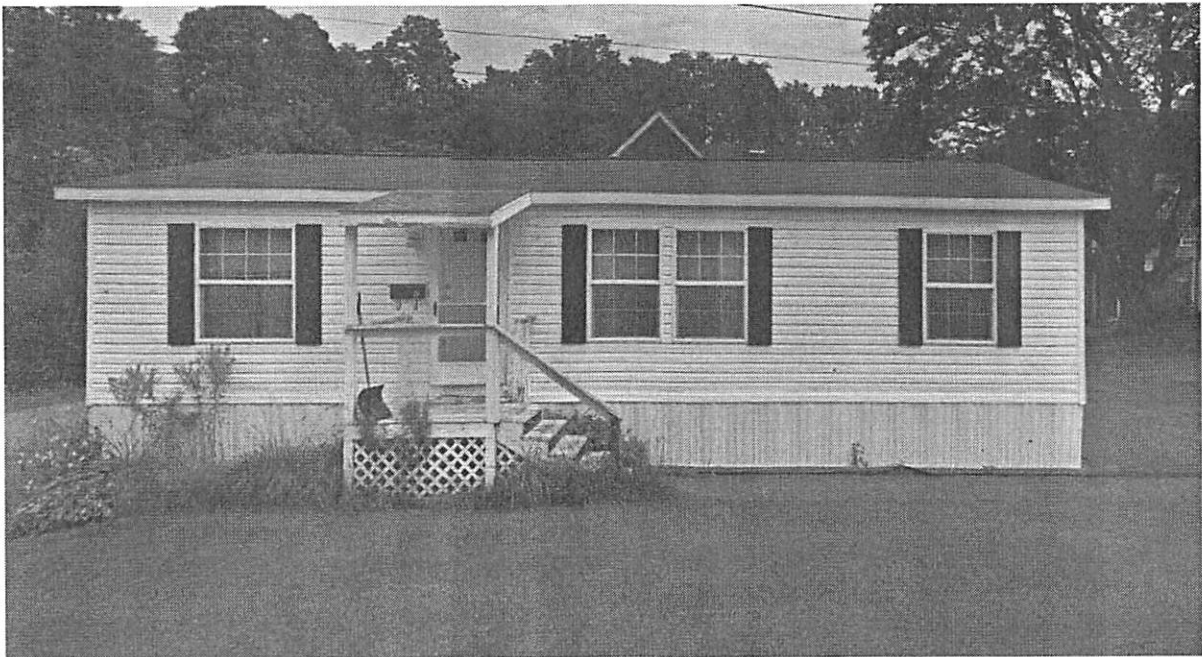
The premises to be searched include:

1. the residential property located at 7 Goudie Street, Lisbon, New Hampshire, including associated outbuildings and garages (the SUBJECT PREMISES);

2. vehicles located on the premises; and

3. the person(s) located on the SUBJECT PREMISES. The SUBJECT PREMISES includes a stand-alone house. The following photographs depict the SUBJECT PREMISES.

SUBJECT PREMISES.



ATTACHMENT B

ITEMS TO BE SEIZED

The following materials, which constitute evidence of the commission of a criminal offense, contraband, the fruits of crime, or property designed or intended for use or which is or has been used as the means of committing a criminal offense, namely violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252(a)(4)(B) and 2252A(a)(2):

1. All records relating to violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252(a)(4)(B), 2252A(a)(2) in any form wherever they may be stored or found at 7 Goudie Street, Lisbon, New Hampshire, including:

- a. records and visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256;
- b. records or information pertaining to an interest in child pornography;
- c. records or information pertaining to the possession, receipt, transportation, or distribution of visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256;
- d. records or information of and relating to visual depictions that have been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable minor is engaging in sexually explicit conduct as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256, including the record or information used to create the visual depiction;
- e. records or information pertaining to Kik;
- f. photo-editing software and records or information relating to photo-editing software;
- g. records or information relating to the occupancy or ownership of 82 Main Street, Pittsfield, New Hampshire, including, but not limited to, utility and telephone bills, mail envelopes, vehicle registrations, tax bills, and other correspondence.

2. Any computer or electronic media that were or may have been used as a means to commit the offenses described on the warrant, including the receipt, possession, distribution, or transportation of child pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252(a)(4)(B) and 2252A(a)(2).

3. For any computer, computer hard drive, or other physical object upon which electronic data can be recorded (hereinafter, "COMPUTER") that is called for by this warrant, or that might contain things otherwise called for by this warrant:

- a. evidence of who used, owned, or controlled the COMPUTER at the time the things described in this warrant were created, edited, or deleted, such as logs, registry entries, configuration files, saved usernames and passwords, documents, browsing history, user profiles, email, email contacts, "chat," instant messaging logs, photographs, and correspondence;
- b. evidence of software that would allow others to control the COMPUTER, such as viruses, Trojan horses, and other forms of malicious software, as well as evidence of the presence or absence of security software designed to detect malicious software;
- c. evidence of the lack of such malicious software;
- d. evidence of the attachment to the COMPUTER of other storage devices or similar containers for electronic evidence;
- e. evidence of counter-forensic programs (and associated data) that are designed to eliminate data from the COMPUTER;
- f. evidence of the times the COMPUTER was used;
- g. passwords, encryption keys, and other access devices that may be necessary to access the COMPUTER;
- h. documentation and manuals that may be necessary to access the COMPUTER or to conduct a forensic examination of the COMPUTER;
- i. contextual information necessary to understand the evidence described in this attachment.

4. Records and things evidencing the use of the Internet, including:

- a. routers, modems, and network equipment used to connect computers to the Internet;
- b. records of Internet Protocol addresses used;
- c. records of Internet activity, including firewall logs, caches, browser history and cookies, "bookmarked" or "favorite" web pages, search terms that the user entered into any Internet search engine, and records of user-typed web addresses.

5. **DEVICE UNLOCK:** During the execution of the search of the property, person(s), and vehicle(s) described in Attachment A, and with respect to (1) any device on persons located at the SUBJECT PREMISES; (2) any device found in SUBJECT PREMISES; law enforcement personnel are authorized to (1) press or swipe the fingers (including thumbs) of individuals residing at the SUBJECT PREMISES to the fingerprint scanner of the seized device(s); (2) hold the seized device(s) in front of the face of individuals residing at the SUBJECT PREMISES and activate the facial recognition feature; and/or (3) hold the seized device(s) in front of the face of individuals residing at the SUBJECT PREMISES and activate the iris recognition feature, for the purpose of attempting to unlock the device(s) in order to search the contents as authorized by this warrant.

As used above, the terms “records” and “information” include all of the foregoing items of evidence in whatever form and by whatever means they may have been created or stored, including any form of computer or electronic storage (such as hard disks or other media that can store data); any handmade form (such as writing, drawing, painting); any mechanical form (such as printing or typing); and any photographic form (such as microfilm, microfiche, prints, slides, negatives, videotapes, motion pictures, or photocopies).